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SOCIALISM AND LYNCHING NEGROES.

BY R. A. DAGUE.

At the time I write, the daily newspapers are printing accounts of how Will Stanley, a Negro, was burned at the stake in the public square in a Texas town. He had been suspected of killing a woman and three children, but no court had made any investigation of the charges. For a Negro to be even suspected of having committed a crime often results in his being lynched in some states. The daily papers said of the burning of Stanley:

"A perfunctory state investigation may follow the lynching, but it is almost a foregone conclusion that such a probe will do nothing. It can not without going into almost the whole city, for fully 10,000 were in the mob and got vengeance on Stanley. His shriveled body, hanged in the public square after the bonfire, was hacked down today and turned over to a Negro undertaker." The claim is made that only by such horrible punishments can Negroes be restrained from assaulting white women and committing other crimes. The Chicago Tribune is quoted by The Cleveland Gazette as saying that the statistics show that not third part of the lynchings of Negroes are for assaulting women, but the larger number are for other offenses, often on bare suspicion. A few years ago I read of the burning to death of a Colored man who was accused of killing a white man, but the Negro said it was done in self-defense. The black man was chained to a tree and a slow fire was started at his feet. The victim broke his chain and started to run. Several men rammed pitchforks into him and dragged him back to the tree. Other men and boys got sticks having fire on their ends. With these they punched out his eyes and rammed fire down his throat. I am not surprised that millions of Russians and people living in other foreign countries honestly believe that Americans are still largely only half civilized.

An Atrocious Barbarity.

The burning to death of a human being is an atrocious barbarity. It is not only revolting, but it affects on the hundreds who witness the fiendish act may be far greater than the crime committed by the one degenerate man accused. For 300 or 350 years, in America, Negroes were bought and sold and treated like animals. Their families of all ages were outraged by white men and the law gave the victims no redress. No Negro was permitted to testify in a court against a white person. Many slave owners had no more regard for the chastity of their female slaves than they had for that of their cows. Young or old, married or single, the female Negro had to submit to the assaults of white men. Millions of mulattoes were born; they were largely the children of lustful, brutal men. That many of such children are sexual degenerates is easily accounted for by students of the laws of heredity. They inherited their passions from their fathers. Now, when one of those degenerate black men assaults a white woman, or commits a lesser offense, or is only suspected, he is run down by bloodhounds, beaten, lacerated and bound to a stake and burned to death, surrounded by a mob of howling, frenzied, often drunken men, who yell and dance like demons as the fire laps itself about the body of the victim while his screams of agony rend the air. The lynching of human beings, black or white, can not be justified from any viewpoint. It has been proven that in several instances in which a white woman was assaulted, the man who attacked her was a white man who had blackened his face to avoid recognition, and an innocent Negro was lynched on suspicion.

The fiendish burning to death of a criminal does no good, but incalculable harm. Such horrible public exhibitions do not deter others from committing crimes, but do plant seeds of hate, cruelty, revenge and murder that later will produce a luxuriant crop of violence and crime. It is a law of nature that hate begets hate, violence leads to greater disorders, brutality and savagery indulged in by individuals or communities, put in motion powerful, silent forces and influences for evil.

Going Backward.

Such crimes as the public burning to death of a human being does the world a thousandfold more injury than did the one had set committed by the ignorant victim of the mob's hate and vengeance. Especially the youth of both sexes who look upon such horrible scenes, are incalculably injured. An expectant mother should never witness such atrocities if she would not wish to become the maternal parent of a brutal child with murderous impulses.

The moral pervert, whether black or white, who assaults a female, also other dangerous criminals, should be put in a prison, be required to work and should be given wholesome teaching and kind, patient and firm treatment. There are moral and mental crimes as well as physical ones who were cursed before they were born by the sins of one or several of their ancestors, or because of inclinations or impulses stamped upon their brains by the thoughts of their mother. Criminals are often such because of the laws of heredity, or of pre-natal

influences. Instead of burning them to death or killing them, they should be shut away from temptation, their environment improved, and they should be taught to be guided by reason instead of by evil lust and degrading impulses. There are no better reasons for burning to death moral and mental cripples than there would be for cremating children who are born blind or deaf and dumb, or feeble minded.

I am convinced that the cause for the frequent lynching of Negroes is due chiefly to our unjust industrial system of the past and present time. The Colored people, as a rule, are poor, and although no longer chattel property, they are nevertheless largely wage-slaves, and as such are looked upon as inferiors who have not many rights the white people are bound to respect. Abraham Lincoln made it unlawful for the capitalist to own the Negro as he owns his horse and dog, but the great emancipator did not and could not make the Negro nor the white wage slave economically free. The Colored man and his children are still poor and ignorant and continue to suffer from many wrongs inflicted upon their ancestors.

Logical Fruits.

Slavery, race prejudices, mobs, violence, lynchings and wars are the legitimate, logical fruits of an industrial system founded on competition and individualism which exists only by exploiting from others large values without returning any equivalent therefor. Socialism proposes to establish and maintain a co-operative commonwealth. Under such a system race antagonisms, cruelty, burnings at the stake and wars will speedily pass away, because the four cornerstones of the Socialist state will be justice, reciprocity, universal brotherhood and universal peace. Socialism has lofty ideals. It says: "God, or nature, has so interwoven the well being and destiny of all humanity into one indissoluble bond of unity and interdependence that what injures one injures all, and what benefits one benefits all." Its slogan is: "An injury to one is the concern of all."

There were no Socialists among the 10,000 Texans who burned Will Stanley at the stake.—Milwaukee Leader.

MASONIC.

Beginning with next week we shall publish in the columns of the SUN the first of a series of articles under the caption of "Fifty Years of Masonry." We shall attempt, as far as the records are available, to review the work of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Missouri from its organization down to the present. This review is especially opportune as preparations are now under way for the semi-centennial celebration of our Grand Lodge at its sitting in Kansas City, August, 1916. By following these articles the brethren may each possess a correct form of what Masonry has accomplished among the Colored people of our state and the development of Masonic ideals may be easily followed. If the plans of Grand Master Crews are followed up as indicated the next meeting of the Grand Lodge will be an event unsurpassed in the Masonic circles of America. Every accredited Grand Lodge in the world will be represented here and all the female auxiliaries will participate in the demonstration. Each Missouri Mason will be a host to the visitors and should be prepared to freely discuss the record of the institution to which he gives allegiance. To this end "Fifty Years of Masonry" will be offered.

—Herford.



J. A. K. FICKLIN, St. Louis, Mo. The most successful grocer in the city of St. Louis and a Mason of high degree.

DISTINGUISHED VISITORS.

Kansas City was honored with the presence of the officers of the Supreme Council of Scottish Rite Masons last Wednesday. They stopped over en route to the coast, where the next Supreme Session is to be held and were shown many courtesies while here. After a luncheon attended by several of the officers of the local Consistory they were taken for an auto ride over the boulevards and in the evening assisted in conferring the thirty-third degree on several candidates at the Masonic Temple. They left Thursday morning for Denver, their next stop. Those in the party were: R. L. Pendleton, Washington, D. C.; Geo. E. Frye, Baltimore, Md.; J. H. Walker, Macon, Ga.; J. B. Evans, Baltimore, Md.; J. O. Mamfield, Washington, D. C.; W. W. Lawrence, Newburne, S. C.; Dr. S. S. Thompson, Washington, D. C.

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Rev. E. A. Wilson of Muskogee, Okla., is in the city this week.

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NATIONAL TABORITES ELECT OFFICERS.

At the close of the Ninth Triennial Grand Session of the Order of Twelve held in St. Louis last week, a twenty-foot marble shaft was unveiled in memory of the founder of the order, Rev. Moses Dickson, in the presence of nearly 5,000 people.

The following officers were elected for the next triennial: S. A. Jordan, I. C. G. M., Little Rock, Ark.; S. S. Reid, I. V. G. M., Marshall, Tex.; Jennie Jones, I. G. H. P., Jacksonville, Ill.; Mattie Brooks, I. V. G. P., Des Moines, Ia.; A. R. China, I. G. G. S., Glasgow, Mo.; Annie M. Bowman, I. C. G. R., Louisville, Ky.; Seth Neal, I. C. G. T., Guthrie, Okla.; Ella E. Faison, I. G. Q. M., Indianapolis, Ind.; G. E. Newstall, I. G. P. P., Montgomery, Ala.; A. A. Cosey, I. C. G. O., Mound Bayou, Miss.; Mattie Webster, I. C. G. P., Memphis, Tenn.; Lizzie Smith, I. G. I. S., Atlanta, Ga.

The next session will be held at Chicago, 1918.

Grand Master of Masons N. C. Crews and Grand Secretary Geo. W. K. Love leave Saturday night on an extended trip to the West, where they will visit the various lodges of the Missouri Jurisdiction out there. They will go to Douglas, Tucson and Phoenix, Ariz.; San Diego, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Cal.; Portland, Ore.; Seattle, Tacoma, Wash.; Boise, Ida.; Havre, Helena, Butte and Billings, Mont.; Grand Island, Lincoln and Omaha, Neb., and will return home about October 6.

DRINK AND SORROW.

By CHAS. A. STARKS.

Think not to drown the dark phantom of Thought Which seems to hover 'round the many brain. For powerless be many smacking draughts Which taken to soothe, soothes only in vain. Drink quells for a time the deep, woe-ful blues, Gives unnatural luster to the mind, Lo, dies the fire, leaving the painful muse To resume its work and more strongly blind.

The Way. Deceive not yourself, O mortal, just think! Substitute never the false for the real. Such sacred wounds are never cured by drink. Any more than God lists to a wrong appeal.

The Truth. There is a fountain filled with love so pure That enriches and blesses the sad heart. For every wound or stab there is a cure, Which is God's own science, and not human art.

Too Life. In life, Divine Mind gives and sweetly takes, Gives peace and takes away sorrow and pain; Gives Truth's idea when blind Trust shakes. Gives Reason over Superstitions vain.

LINES TO DUNBAR.

By CHAS. A. STARKS.

Thy pure sable soul, untinged by white, With nice soft touches of pathos and heart. With smooth, happy poetry, witty and bright. You could not keep from your delicate Art. How I've grieved o'er thine "Ere sleep comes down To soothe the weary eyes," that matchless line Has hallowed me with its mystic crown. Which ere and anon I hungrily pine.

It seems as though I'd been happily glad Had I met and listened to you recite And heard thy glorious voice, sometimes sad, And seen thy own eye livid with its light.

But in some way Fate willed not these eyes To look on thee whilst thou was lingering here. Content I must be in reading your skies Which your pen has painted so sweetly clear.

Y. M. C. A. NOTES

Prof. J. R. E. Lee, newly appointed principal of the Lincoln High School, is residing in the Association building. Mr. W. E. Griffith, president of the chess and checker club, is preparing for a bigger season than last.

Monday (Labor day) afternoon at 12:30, the members of the night class will endeavor to repeat their victory over the noonday cohorts. Thus far the tournaments are even with a tournament score of two all.

Mr. H. O. Cook, chairman of the Committee of Management, on his vacation trip visited the new Y. M. C. A. buildings at Washington, D. C., Philadelphia and Chicago. He says Kansas City has one of the best and most serviceable.

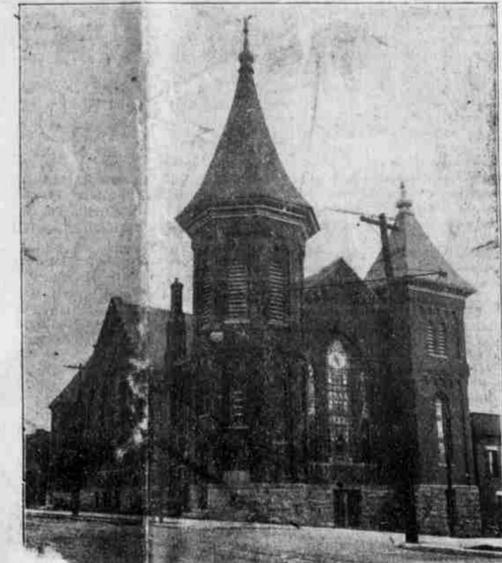
The following is from a newspaper letter by Bishop Tyree:

"I here and now recommend to all travelers of our people who go to Kansas City and have no permanent place to stop, have some one direct them to the Y. M. C. A. building, where excellent meals are served, and very neat as can be with no boisterous conduct. That is one place that I have found in my life where it is just as pleasant and in some respects more so than to dine in one's home."

ALLEN CHAPEL NOTES.

Last Sunday the minister preached a very able and interesting sermon from the last verse of the last chapter of the Bible. Special music was rendered by a quartet under the leadership of Mr. R. L. Tutt. At night the magnificent painting, "The Return from Calvary," was exhibited to an unusually large audience and a very entertaining lecture was delivered by the artist who produced it. At this service Mrs. Caddie Witcher sang "Calvary," and Mrs. Lena Mosely sang "The Holy City" in a very acceptable manner. Next Sunday is Quarterly meeting, the last Quarterly meeting of the year. Rev. F. D. Wells will preach the sacramental sermon.

Mr. and Mrs. Adam Manuel and son of Haskell, Okla., and Mrs. Powell of 1810 Woodland, were pleasant callers at the Sun office this week.



apel, who will hold her fourth and last Quarterly meeting at 10:00 p. m. Rev. Wm. H. Peck, D. D., the Presiding Elder, will officiate. Rev. F. D. Wells will preach the sacramental sermon at 10:00 p. m.

National Baptist Convention

The Kansas and Missouri Delegation to the National Baptist Convention, to be held in Chicago, will leave here Monday at 10:00 p. m., over the CHICAGO & ALTON RAILWAY

arriving in Chicago at 11:45 Tuesday morning, giving all plenty of time to secure good homes, and have an evening of rest and refreshment before the opening of the Convention, Wednesday morning. We will go DIRECT but will return by the way of St. Louis, without extra cost.

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Committee: J. W. HURSE, President Twin City Baptist Alliance, W. A. BOWREN, President Kansas State Baptist Convention, G. H. DANIELS, Treasurer Twin City Alliance.



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DR. WM. THOMPkins STORMS NATIONAL CONVENTION AT CHICAGO.

His Speech a Classic—Stylish the Wm. Jennings Bryan of the Convention—Kansas City Wins in a Walk Over Philadelphia.

The National Medical Association convened in Chicago August 24-26, in its 17th annual session. Representatives from the different states were present and held their meetings at the Y. M. C. A. building. Clinics were held in the Provident hospital, Cook County hospital and St. Luke's hospital. The class of papers rendered by the different representatives were above the average.

During the convention there arose a deal of rivalry between Philadelphia and Kansas City for the next place of meeting. Philadelphia had circulated a beautifully written invitation on the opening day and had invitations from the mayor, the city council, Commercial club, Philadelphia Academy of Medicine and all of the leading firms of that city, inviting the National Association to meet with them in 1916. The committee made its report and recommended Philadelphia as the next place of meeting. The motion was suspended and Dr. Thompkins got the floor, and made a strong speech in favor of Kansas City and before he had completed his address the convention in wild enthusiasm was calling for Kansas City for the next place of meeting.

Dr. Thompkins began with an appeal by telling the story of the conflict between the Partritions and the Phlebanians of Rome and cited that on one memorable occasion a decision of Caesar was appealed from. Caesar responded to the Phlebian—"to whom will you present your appeal?" The Phlebian responded by saying that "I will appeal from Caesar drunk to Caesar sober," and then directing his appeal to the convention, that immediately turned the tide which brings the National Medical Association to Kansas City, Mo., in 1916.

It was unprecedented for a convention to decline the report of a committee on place of meeting who had reported unanimously for another city, and this occurrence only demonstrates the power of magnetism in this man. The delegates of Kansas City, Doctors T. C. Unthank, J. E. Perry and E. B. Ramsey, together with the enthusiastic convention surrounded Thompkins and enthusiastically styled him "The William Jennings Bryan" of the convention.—M. O. Bousfield, M. W.

CARD OF THANKS.

We desire to publicly thank the following persons for their contributions toward sending delegates to the National Business League in Boston:

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Expenses. \$43.35
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Mrs. Dora Gamble of Los Angeles, Cal., is visiting relatives and friends in Kansas City and in Kansas. Mrs. Gamble is a cousin of Mrs. N. C. Crews, and will be here for about eight weeks.